United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed extension of the license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transactions contained in the attached certification concern future commercial activities with Russia and Kazakhstan related to the Proton Space Launch Vehicle beyond those specified in DTC 022-03 dated February 28, 2003; DTC 001-03 dated January 24, 2003; DTC 147-02 dated July 26, 2002; DTC 182-02 dated June 27, 2002; DTC 124-02 dated May 22, 2002; DTC 022-02 dated May 1, 2002; DTC 038-01 dated April 30, 2001; DTC 034-01 dated March 1, 2001; DTC 014-01 dated March 7, 2000; DTC 098-99 dated August 5, 1999; and DTC 039-98 dated March 19, 1998.

The United States Government is prepared to extend the license for the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly

Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.